



Application No.: 10/735,653
Examiner: WU, Ives J.
Art Unit: 1724

AMENDMENT

Please amend the pending application in accordance with the following particulars.

In the Drawings

A REPLACEMENT SHEET for changes made to the drawing Figure of page 1 is submitted herewith.

In the Claims

The claims are amended as shown on the following pages under the heading AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS. The list shows the status of all claims presently in the application and is intended to supersede all prior versions of the claims in the application. Any cancellation of claims is made without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the pending application is respectfully requested on the basis of the following particulars.

1. In the drawings

As shown in the REPLACEMENT SHEET of page 1 of the drawings, the drawings have been amended to more clearly illustrate an exemplary embodiment of the apparatus for condensing and recycling stripper.

A. Drawing amendments

Figure 1 is presently amended in the REPLACEMENT SHEET of page 1 of the drawings. Specifically, a connection between the controller 6 and the second pump 32 is added. It is respectfully submitted that no new subject matter is introduced since only illustration of features described at least on page 6, lines 22-24 of the accompanying description in the specification as originally filed is provided by way of the amendment.

Acceptance of the REPLACEMENT SHEET is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Drawing objection

Reconsideration and removal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested, on the basis that the amended drawing Figures illustrate every claim limitation.

As discussed above, Figure 1 is amended to show a connection between the controller 6 and the second pump 32. Thus, the amended drawings show every claimed feature.

Accordingly, removal of the drawing objection is respectfully requested.

2. In the claims

As shown in the foregoing AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS, the claims have been amended to more clearly point out the subject matter for which protection is sought.

A. Claim amendments

Claim 1 is amended to recite a flow meter and a liquid level sensor. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter is added, as the changes merely correct minor informalities.

Claims 2-16 are left unchanged.

Entry of the AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS is respectfully requested in the next Office communication.

B. Rejection of claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. § 112 second paragraph

Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested, in view of the amendments to claim 1, on the basis that amended claim 1 provides proper antecedent basis for every claim limitation, and thus, amended claim 1 is clear and definite.

As discussed above, claim 1 is amended to recite a flow meter and a liquid level sensor. Thus, amended claim 1 provides proper antecedent basis for every claim limitation.

Accordingly, withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

3. Allowable subject matter

The applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that claims 11-16 are allowed. Further, in view of the lack of a prior art rejection for claims 1-10, and in view of the amendments discussed above, the applicants submit that claims 1-10 are now in condition for allowance.

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4. Conclusion

As a result of the amendment to the drawings and the claims, and further in view of the foregoing remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that every pending claim in the present application be allowed and the application be passed to issue.

If any issues remain that may be resolved by a telephone or facsimile communication with the applicants' attorney, the examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the numbers shown below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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